

**Minutes of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Noble (Chair), Cllr Venn, Cllr Champion, Cllr Sharkey, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO & 5
members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Newing, Cllr Ajaz and Cllr Julier.

2. To receive declarations of interest

No interest declared.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2023

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Champion / Agreed unanimously

4. Finance

a) To agree the October payment run as circulated:

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN October 2023

Payee	Detail	Amount
Swarco	3 x MVAS machines - remaining balance	£7,996.97
Lamps & Tubes Illuminations Ltd	Lights for Newton Leys South Christmas tree	£244.30
RTM Landscapes	Grass cutting - September	£1,290.00
Clerk	Clerk salary for September and any related expenses	£884.40
	Total	£10,415.67

Proposed: Cllr Sharkey / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously

b) To agree the accounts to 31st August 2023 as circulated

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Champion / Agreed unanimously

5. Update from Unitary Councillor

There were no Unitary Councillors in attendance and no update was provided.

6. Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations on any planning applications received after the agenda is published, if urgent.

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Land To The East Of Fenny Road Stoke Hammond Buckinghamshire

Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) attached to permission 21/04404/ADP (Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) attached to permission 17/04457/ADP to allow for changes to the site layout, new house types for all plots, new apartment buildings and amended landscape scheme - Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline permission 14/03000/AOP for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a residential development of 64 dwellings)

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application. However, as Cllrs do not have the expertise required on pumping stations, they would like reports from the relevant experts to be taken into consideration when deciding on this application.

7. To report on any Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Lighting matters

- Cllr Venn raised the concerns of residents around the parking on the grass verges opposite Tommy's Carwash and the marina. He explained how the police have advised that it isn't a police matter, and that Bucks Council are limited in what they can do. Most of the cars parking there have no tax or MOT and some are SORN. The DVLA will need to deal with the SORN vehicles and Bucks Council are due to serve notice on three of the vehicles.
- Cllr Venn will report the vehicles with no tax or MOT via Fix My Street.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Bucks Council advising that the cars have been reported and to find out what they plan to do about them. **Action: Clerk**
- It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to all businesses at Willowbridge Marina and Tommy's Carwash to politely ask them and their customers to refrain from parking on the grass verges. **Action: Clerk**
- A MoP advised that the footpath behind the church is now very dangerous. Cllr Venn confirmed that Hills has the equipment to repair the path, but they are waiting for a carpenter to become available to carry out the work.
- A MoP raised concerns around parking by the canal bridge on Bragenham Side. Cars are parked on both sides and it is difficult to get agricultural machinery through. Highways have been contacted but are unable to help as there are no parking restrictions in place. The police can only help if the cars are parked dangerously. He believes the verges on the village side of the bridge are owned by Bucks Council and the other side are privately owned.
- Cllr Noble suggested the MoP contacts the PCSO to see if he can offer any help or advice. He also suggested that the MoP puts up notices on the gates into his fields.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways to ask if any signage could be put up stating no parking or whether the area could be declared a no parking zone. Half of this road falls under Soulbury Parish, so the Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk for Soulbury asking if they could also contact Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Noble confirmed the first set of data from the new MVAS machines will be downloaded next week and the information will be on the PC website with a notice on Facebook.
- Cllr Noble confirmed there had been 7 responses to the speeding/traffic survey and a few completed forms had been dropped off to the village shop. The Clerk was asked to add a reminder and link to the survey on Facebook. **Action: Clerk**
- The Clerk confirmed RTM Landscapes has been instructed to clear the branches blocking the path near the entrance to Bragenham Side and to clear the walkway between Bragenham Side and the alleyway to Manor Close and she is waiting for confirmation on when this work will take place.

8. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Noble mentioned the email the PC has received from Bucks Council regarding the shortfall in 5-year housing stock, which means that the VALP plan could effectively be overridden.
- Cllr Noble and Cllr Venn are attending a course on Thursday 5th October where they will find out if the Neighbourhood Plan will be affected by this.

9. To provide any updates on S106

- Cllr Champion is still waiting for costs to convert the field next to the community centre into a football pitch. He asked the Clerk to contact RTM Landscapes to find out if this is work they can undertake and if so, to provide a quote. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Champion confirmed he has a meeting in early November with the owner of land to the west of Newton Leys and he hopes to set up meetings with owners of land to the south.

10. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- The Clerk has instructed Proludic to carry out the repairs to the play park and gym equipment and is awaiting a date for when this work will take place.

11. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

Cllrs have not attended any meetings since the last PC meeting. Cllr Champion is still waiting to hold a meeting with the Newton Leys Management Company, and he hopes this will now take place towards the end of October.

12. To discuss whether to replace or repair the bus shelter on Bragenham Side/Leighton Road and agree next steps

- Cllrs felt the quotation circulated by the Clerk was too expensive and they would like to see other options. The Clerk advised that we are limited with the number of companies who provide wooden bus shelters, but she will try and source more quotes. **Action: Clerk**
- A MoP advised that he knows of a group of ex-carpenters who could probably repair the existing shelter for us. He will speak to them on our behalf and report back with prices.

13. To consider the Community Funding Application received from the Sports Club

- Cllrs resolved to provide the full £350 requested towards the firework event taking place on 3rd November.

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Sharkey / Agreed unanimously

14. Community Centre: to report on any matters for the Council's attention

- Cllr Noble asked MoPs in attendance whether they would attend a Burns Night event if the Community Centre were to host one. All stated they would not be interested in this event.

15. Sports Club: to provide any updates/report on any matters for the Council's attention

Julia Walker and Mel Dagostino were unable to attend the meeting but provided an update for the Clerk to read on their behalf:

The cricket season has now finished, and we ended with a village v village day which went well with youngsters from the village playing. Bandioke was on in the evening. Our next big event is Bonfire Night and we have also started yoga which is going well. It is great to have a village vets football team who are doing very well and winning their games.

16. Public Participation Session

- A MoP asked for confirmation that the next Speed Watch session will be taking place on Monday 9th October. Cllr Noble confirmed it would be, and it will take place from 2pm checking traffic heading towards Leighton Buzzard.

17. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 7th November 2023

Cllrs agreed unanimously to this date and the meeting will be held at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.36.

Chair:

Date:

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